

# ScotlandsFamily.com

There are many websites available for Scotland research. ScotlandsFamily is one of them. This class will highlight some of the resources available on ScotlandsFamily.com to help you with researching your Scottish ancestors.

## Objective

At the end of this class, you will be able to know what resources are available on ScotlandsFamily.com, particularly with accessing the maps and gazetteers.

## Maps

ScotlandsFamily has helpful maps highlighting county and parish boundaries. This is helpful to:

- Ensure you are researching the correct family in the right geographic area.
- Try searching a neighboring parish If you can't find your ancestors records in the parish you think they should be located.

Maps on ScotlandsFamily include the following:

- County map
- Parish boundary maps

## Gazetteers

Gazetteers can be useful in Scottish research as they give you more information on the area where your ancestor lived. Some of the gazetteers on ScotlandsFamily include the following:

- **Undiscovered Scotland**
  - Click Discover:
    - Site Index – Clickable map
    - A-Z Indexes – Search alphabetically
    - Categories – Search by category
- **Ancestral Scotland** - Follow in your ancestor's footsteps, learn more the Clans, learn about the culture, and more.
  - Scroll down to "Discover what life was like" and click the following links on the website:
    - Clans
    - Gaelic
    - Professions
    - Local family history centres
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- **Gazetteer for Scotland**
  - Click Gazetteer for Scotland
    - Click Maps and Places

- Click Old Counties,
- Click a county on the county map and use the following tools: Map, Photo, Terrain, OS, Historical.
- **SCAN Gazetteer of Scottish Places**
  - Click the “ScotlandsPlaces website” link.
  - Click on the county of interest.
  - Look under the Maps, drawings and photographs, and the Texts.
- **Scottish place names around the world**
  - Learn about Scottish places names used all around the world.
- **Links to maps at the National Library of Scotland**
  - Use the tools: Background information, Sheet Details, Symbols, Abbreviations and click on the various sections of the map.

## Poorhouses

After 1845, workhouses or also known as poorhouses, were created all throughout Scotland to care for those in need. This gives information about the poorhouses, where located, and what records may exist.

- Click Poorhouses, then click Poorhouses in Scotland.

## Scots Dictionary

Learn the meaning of various Scots words that you may find in the records of your ancestors.

- **Dictionary of the Scots Language**
  - 12-volume dictionary of the older Scottish tongue.
- **Scottish Archive Network (SCAN) Glossary**
  - Terms used in Scottish legal and historical documents.
- **Medical Term**
  - See the meaning of medical terms used in Scottish death records.